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Remember: September Is Youth Service Month!

Welcome To Bakersfield East!

Cy Wade and **Dan Giordano** did a superb job of greeting us this week. **President Kelly Giblin** called the meeting to order and asked us to keep **Nelson Richardson** in



our thoughts and prayers as he is undergoing chemotherapy. **Phil Franey** gave a thoughtful invocation speaking of this week of reflection for our proud nation. **Bruce Keith** recited words by Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, and then led our flag salute. **George Palmer** led us singing *God Bless America*. **Lloyd Plank** told us of his successful recovery from two knee replacements



Highland High student, Suby Raman reports on his Interact Club.

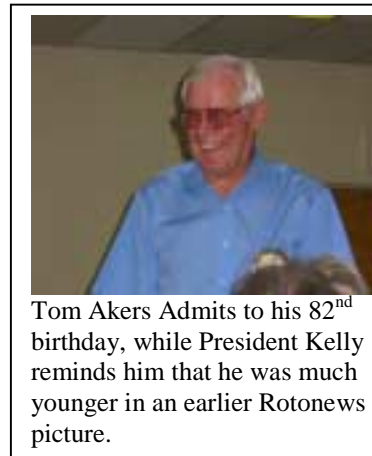
and gave accolades to **Dan Giordano** and staff for his physical therapy. Lloyd then introduced visiting Rotarians Hary Patel and Jim and Lynn Rodal. Others joining us were Raja Bara, Rotaractors Tisha Welch and Kristen Logan, Interactors Suby Raman, Grant Smith, Matt Martinez and Akash Amin and club guests Michelle Rassmussen and Judie Lewis. We were informed of Highland High School Interact Club activities for the coming

year which include a canned food drive, Easter baskets for Jamison Center and a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis. **Ron Biglin** introduced Gary Jaussaud and told us that their respective businesses, East Hills Travel and Kern Travel, are merging to form a *kick-ass travel agency*. (That's the description, not the name.) We sang *Happy Birthday* to **Cy Wade**, 88 years, **Jere Sullivan**, 82 years, **Susan Leedy**, Jess



Ron Biglin announces the merger of Kern Travel with East Hills Travel..and gets fined for the privilege!

Faz and Paula Maxwell. **Terry Maxwell** was fined \$100.00 for making Paula work at their restaurant on her birthday. Claudia and **Bruce Keith** are celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary, so we sang to everyone.



Tom Akers Admits to his 82nd birthday, while President Kelly reminds him that he was much younger in an earlier Rotonews picture.

Terry Burley explained the new membership proposal cards that we all received and explained the criteria for candidates. **Kerry Lockhart** told of the Jazz Saxophonist Eric Mariantal Concert being held on November 9th to benefit Stockdale Christian School



Kerry Lockhardt announces Jazz Saxophone concert at the Fox.

Band's trip to Carnegie Hall. **Dave Haynes** informed us that Supper Club will be at Rosa's next week. **Steve Gibbs** thanked those of us who attended the Bakersfield Symphony Concert on Sept. 11 and announced a Brown Bag Concert on Wednesday, Sept 18th, 12:15 pm-12:45 pm at the Bakersfield Convention Center. **President Kelly** read a letter of thanks from Peter J. Hernandez, one of the ten recipients of the academic

was the newest member. His biography included the fact he was writing a children's book, and he told us that to date he is still working on it. (That's over 40 years, George!) We also saw a photograph of a young Tom Akers and heard his thoughts on service...*If you fix a*



Mike Griffin admits to winning International Flagship award at recent Comanche Association meeting.

broken refrigerator for a young, blonde divorcee, that's not service. If you fix a refrigerator for an elderly woman whose husband is sick, that's service! **Mike Griffin**

was recognized for winning the 2002 Flagship Award at the International Comanche Owners' Meeting in Reno. New grandparents **Dean Carpenter, Mary Sue Franklin and Jan Blake** received funds collected for their new grandchildren and told to double them by next meeting (triple for Dean since he was not present). **Jan Blake** received a \$25.00 fine for spending time at the Del Mar Racetrack and \$50.00 fine for a purchasing new car. **Steve Pressley** was fined \$25.00 for rapping on Jan.



Jan Blake, who was on vacation, tries to convince President Kelly that her new car was now old....

scholarships that we awarded last June. **Raja Bara** from Junior Achievement told us of this non-profit organization whose mission is to teach children to be successful. This is accomplished by sending businesspersons



Steve Pressley pitches Mums For Mammograms Project.

into the classroom to work on projects with students from kindergarten through high school. Those interested in volunteering for this dynamic program were encouraged to contact the organization. **Steve Pressley** passed around a signup list for Mums for Mammograms, but was fined \$25.00 for having another Rotary club's name on the

The program..... Michelle Rasmussen from the M.A.R.E. Program, Mastering Abilities Riding Equines, was our speaker this week. This organization was established to help people with handicaps learn to ride horses. It was begun 12 years ago by Diane Hopkins with one horse and two kids. Through the generosity of the people of Kern County, it now has 15 horses and 95 riders. During a video, we learned that horses are chosen for their



Kristin Logan makes a final pitch for Saturday night's Luau party at the Clark's.

sheet. Recognitions And Other News **President Kelly** told of receiving BERC Bulletins from **Past President Tom Akers** reign, 1961-62. She read from one dated 11/3/61 when George Palmer



Raja Bara makes an announcement about Junior Achievement

temperament, soundness and size. Since horses replicate people when walking, this program is particularly beneficial to patients with physical disabilities. They also offer a driving program that uses miniature horses to help patients with upper



body support and stability. Michelle told us that they are always seeking volunteers, even for only a few hours a week or month. She also told of their fundraiser, Diamonds to Denim,

being held on Saturday, Sept 21st, at the M.A.R.E. Facility at 18200 Johnson Road. It includes equestrian performances, western barbecue, dancing and an auction. Information is available by calling 589-1877. **President Kelly** presented Michelle with the speakers' gift, books donated in her name to Williams School, and closed the meeting with... *Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from poor judgment.* Tom Akers (RotoNews Jan. 12, 1962)

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September **Rotarian Magazine**

Assignments-

Page 12- Pam Mahan
Page 22- Lyn Scales
Page 25- Wayne Kress
Page 32-Tom Larwood
Page 36- Leslie Golich

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS **FRIDAY, SEPT. 20**

Greeters: Karen Skrable, Ron Bivins, Dick Henderson
Invocation: Nelson Richardson
Flag Salute: Phil Icardo
Visiting Rotarians: Susan Leedy

Attendance IS Important! **Where To Make-Up:**

Mondays: *Bakersfield South Rotary Club*
12:00 noon, Holiday Inn Select

Tuesdays: *Bakersfield North Rotary Club*
12:10 noon, Holiday Inn Select

Wednesdays: *Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary Club*
6:45a.m., Double Tree Hotel

Wednesdays: *Bakersfield West Rotary Club*
12:00 noon, Stockdale Country Club

Thursdays: *Bakersfield (Downtown) Rotary Club*
12:00 Noon, Bakersfield Art Museum,
1930 "R" Street

SUPPER CLUB

Wednesday, Sept 18

ROSA'S

2400 Columbus Street

Wednesday, Sept 25

MARIE CALLENDER'S

3801 California Avenue

Wednesday, October 2

BILL LEE'S BAMBOO CHOPSTICKS

1203 29th St

Wednesday, October 9

GUMBEAUX'S

1804 Chester Ave

Wednesday, October 16

RED PEPPER

2641 Oswell St

Wednesday, October 23

PYRENEE'S CAFE

601 Sumner St

Wednesday, October 30

OLIVE GARDEN

1701 New Stine Rd

(Reservations appreciated)

Attitude Adjustment 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

RSVP:

Dave Haynes 393-7204, Jack Spencer 336-0469
Pam Mahan 397-0568

Visions of the Rotaract Luau At The Clark's



Rotaract's first annual "Evening in the Tropics" was held Saturday night at the home of the gracious Jim & Debbie Clark. Guests were greeted at the door & presented with a shell lei & the evening was kicked off by, what else, than a cocktail

hour, with Mai-Tai's & Blue Hawaiian's served under a tropical mesh-canopy. Dinner was served, followed by a show by the Hali'ali'ameahula Polynesian Dancers.



The event was a great success & fun was had by all! The event raised approximately \$1,750, which is the largest amount that the Rotaract Club has raised in a single event. A portion



of the proceeds will be donated to the Stockdale Christian School band, who has been invited to play at Carnegie Hall next year. The funds will help the children with travel expenses, lodging & all of the other expenses that go along with the trip.



Funds will also go towards the other service projects that Rotaract is involved in throughout the year. There was representation there from five out of the six Rotary Clubs at the event, which is an incredible turnout for the first Rotaract event.

Highlights:

Carl Leech generously donated his winnings from the 50/50 drawing back to the club.

Mike Henstra won the grand prize - an overnight stay in Santa Barbara.

Several of the guests were daring enough to hula right along with the entertainment - what a show!



Our very own **First Lady, Kelly Giblin**, took part & showed us that she can dance with the best of em'.

Terry Maxwell did indeed let his wife out of the kitchen to celebrate her birthday.

Thanks!

Kristen A. Logan

